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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPLOY SPECIAL PATROL MISSION TO REDUCE VIOLENT CRIME

Beginning at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 21, 2005, Milwaukee Police launched a special citywide patrol mission to reduce violent crime in our neighborhoods.

The purpose of the mission is to reduce crime through proactive enforcement and to get illegal guns off the street. Milwaukee Police Officers working this detail will patrol on foot and in squad cars, saturating areas of the city that are particularly hard-hit by violent crime. Officers will be deployed in an attempt to identify, locate and apprehend suspects involved in violent offenses.

We also will be partnering with citizens and community groups to stop this violent trend by increasing positive contacts between officers and citizens.

"We want residents of our city to know that we are dealing with the trouble spots in their neighborhoods," said Milwaukee Police Chief Nannette Hegerty. "By increasing the residents' confidence and security, officers can obtain useful information that we hope will lead to getting dangerous criminals off our streets and creating safer neighborhoods."

The mission represents a significant commitment on the part of Mayor Tom Barrett and the Common Council to work with Milwaukee Police on this effort.

"The Police Chief has launched a plan that will put more squads and beat patrols in neighborhoods victimized by the spike in violent and senseless crime," Barrett said. "The heightened police presence, combined with the Community Response Teams, will increase police and community resources to neighborhoods and families that need them most. No one department or group is going to solve this problem on their own. We must all work together to make our neighborhoods safe."

Funds will come from a combination of state and federal grants. The mission is scheduled to run through the end of August, and will be evaluated after two weeks.

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